

Amendments to the Claims

1-42. (Canceled)

43. (New) An animal cell which can be infected with influenza viruses, wherein the animal cell is adapted to grow in suspension in serum-free medium.

44. (New) The animal cell of claim 43, wherein the animal cell is a vertebrate cell.

45. (New) The animal cell of claim 44, wherein the vertebrate cell is a mammalian cell.

46. (New) The animal cell of claim 44, wherein the vertebrate cell is an avian cell.

47. (New) The animal cell of claim 45, wherein the mammalian cell is a hamster cell.

48. (New) The animal cell of claim 45, wherein the mammalian cell is a cow cell.

49. (New) The animal cell of claim 45, wherein the mammalian cell is a monkey cell.

50. (New) The animal cell of claim 45, wherein the mammalian cell is a dog cell.

51. (New) The animal cell of claim 46 wherein the avian cell is a hen's embryo cell.

52. (New) The animal cell of claim 47 wherein the hamster cell is isolated from kidney.

53. (New) The animal cell of claim 48 wherein the cow cell is isolated from kidney.

54. (New) The animal cell of claim 49 wherein the monkey cell is isolated from kidney.

55. (New) The animal cell of claim 50 wherein the dog cell is isolated from kidney.

56. (New) The animal cell of claim 47 wherein the hamster cell is a BHK21-F cell.

57. (New) The animal cell of claim 47 wherein the hamster cell is a HKCC cell.

58. (New) The animal cell of claim 48 wherein the cow cell is a MDBK cell.

59. (New) The animal cell of claim 43 produced according to a process of:

passaging the cells in roller bottles;

obtaining the passaged cells growing in suspension; and

selecting the cells adapted to grow in serum-free medium.